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Further implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 49/122 of 19 December 1994 on the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,

Recalling also its resolutions 51/183 of 16 December 1996, 52/202 of 18 December 1997, 53/189 of 15 December 1998 and 54/224 of 22 December 1999,

Recognizing that small island developing States, given their size, limited resources, geographic dispersion and isolation from markets, face special challenges and unique vulnerabilities of an environmental and an economic nature in their efforts to achieve sustainable development, which are exacerbated by globalization and trade liberalization,

Recalling the Declaration of Barbados[1] and the Programme of Action of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[2]

Recalling also the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory body for the special session of the General Assembly for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

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Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, adopted at the twenty-second special session of the General Assembly,[3]

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[4]

Having also considered the report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the tenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Taking note of the report of the second Alliance of Small Island States workshop on climate change negotiations, management and strategy, which was held in Apia from 26 July to 4 August 2000,[5]

Noting the significant efforts by small island developing States to implement the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States at the national and regional levels and the need for them to receive adequate financial support from the international community,

Acknowledging the efforts of small island developing States to convene, in cooperation with the Small Island Developing States Unit of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, a series of capacity-building workshops targeted at issues of specific relevance to Small Island Developing States,

Welcoming the offer of the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis to host the first Alliance of Small Island States workshop on the biosafety protocol in December 2000 and the offer of the Government of Cyprus to host the third Alliance of Small Island States workshop on climate change, energy and preparations for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development in January 2001,

Bearing in mind the continued need for financing of the projects that were presented for financing within the context of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States at the meeting of representatives of donor countries and small island developing States held in New York from 24 to 26 February 1999,[6]

Noting with appreciation the contribution by some donor countries towards further implementation of the Programme of Action, and underscoring the need for these efforts to be intensified and supplemented by other donor countries and agencies,

1. *Reiterates* the urgent need for strong and effective implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States[2] and of the Declaration[7] and review document[7] adopted by the twenty-second special session of the General Assembly, and requests the relevant organs and agencies of the United Nations system and the regional commissions and organizations to reflect measures for implementation of the Programme of Action in their respective programmes;

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[3] See A/C-22/2.
[4] A/55/185.
[5] A/C 2/55/3.
[6] See A/S-22/4.
[7] See resolution S-22/2, annex.

2. *Invites* the relevant agencies within the United Nations system in the preparation of the ten-year review of the Global Conference on the Environment and Development,[8] to identify measures that would ensure the effective implementation of the Programme of Action;

3. *Calls on* Member States, in particular the donor community, as well as the relevant organs and agencies of the United Nations system and the regional commissions and organizations, to support the efforts of small island developing States in the further implementation of the Programme of Action through, inter alia, the provision of adequate technical and financial resources, taking into account the Declaration and review document for further implementation and effective follow-up;

4. *Calls upon* the organizations of the United Nations system to assist small island developing States in their efforts to respond adequately to the challenges of globalization, including in the field of information and communication technologies, and to enhance their capacity to effectively utilize the benefits and mitigate the implications of globalization;

5. *Invites* all relevant stakeholders, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to participate fully in the activities identified for the further implementation of and effective follow-up to the Programme of Action;

6. *Urges* all relevant organizations to finalize, as a matter of urgency the work on the development of a vulnerability index for small island developing States, and decides to defer any decision on the graduation of least developed countries until the work on the vulnerability index can properly inform discussions on such a decision;

7. *Welcomes* the strengthening of the Small Island Developing States Unit of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and requests the Secretary-General to further strengthen the Unit, inter alia, by establishing the Small Island Developing States Information Network on a permanent basis within the Unit and by assisting small island developing States with, inter alia, project implementation advice and assistance in the identification of short/long-term capacity needs through coordination with regional and international institutions;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session, under the item entitled "Environment and sustainable development", a sub-item entitled "Further implementation of the Programme for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States";

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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[8] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda)